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COMMUNITY COLLEGES HIT BY FEBRUARY SURPRISE OF UNEXPECTED ADDITIONAL \$149 MILLION BUDGET CUT *Additional cut brings total 2011-12 reductions to \$564 million; relief would maintain access*

Already reeling from \$313 million in cuts in the 2011-12 enacted budget and \$102 million in “triggered cuts” in January, California’s 112 community colleges learned late Thursday that they will likely face an additional \$149 million cut in the current fiscal year. The latest cuts amount to an additional reduction of \$135 per student and threatens more class cuts.

Before the latest cuts, community college were operating with \$996 million (23%) is less funding since 2008-09, and have reduced enrollment by nearly 284,000 students at a time when demographically they should have significantly increased enrollment. Even with the reduced enrollment, funding per student has dropped by \$554, or 9.3%.

“It is unconscionable that the state continues to foreclose on educational opportunity at this time of record demand and high unemployment,” said Scott Lay, President and CEO of the Community College League of California. “These latest cuts threaten the elimination of even more classes and more faculty and staff layoffs.”

The surprise cut came when districts were provided the first state community college financial update of the year, which showed that revenue from state-determined student enrollment fees were \$106 million below projections, and that property tax revenues included in the budget lagged state estimates. This resulted in insufficient resources for the state to meet its promised per-student funding and instead a determination that the funding should be deficated by 3.4%.

“We call on the Legislature to quickly pass legislation to address this unexpected cut,” said Theresa Tena, the League’s Director of Fiscal Policy. “By fulfilling this funding commitment by June, we can ensure that students will have access to summer school classes in many parts of the state where access is threatened and avoid further layoffs.”

“This latest development brings the one-year cut to California’s three segments of public higher education to over \$2.1 billion, and demonstrates why it is essential to support the governor’s plan to ask taxpayers to support a balanced approach that gets our state’s budget back on the right track,” said Lay.

The Community College League of California is a nonprofit association of California’s 72 community college districts, serving the districts in governmental relations, leadership development and district services.

The February Surprise: Community Colleges Hit With \$149 million Unexpected Cut

District	Enacted Budget Cut	January "Trigger Cut"	Expected Shortfall	February Surprise Additional Cut	Total 2011-2012 Cuts
Allan Hancock	-\$2,673,000	-\$615,000	-\$259,000	-\$1,289,000	-\$4,836,000
Antelope Valley	-\$3,222,000	-\$741,000	-\$306,000	-\$1,522,000	-\$5,791,000
Barstow	small district exemption		-\$83,000	-\$414,000	-\$497,000
Butte	-\$3,186,000	-\$733,000	-\$303,000	-\$1,507,000	-\$5,729,000
Cabrillo	-\$3,264,000	-\$751,000	-\$310,000	-\$1,540,000	-\$5,865,000
Cerritos	-\$4,813,000	-\$1,107,000	-\$435,000	-\$2,164,000	-\$8,519,000
Chabot-Las Positas	-\$4,866,000	-\$1,119,000	-\$455,000	-\$2,265,000	-\$8,705,000
Chaffey	-\$4,072,000	-\$937,000	-\$385,000	-\$1,913,000	-\$7,307,000
Citrus	-\$3,195,000	-\$735,000	-\$297,000	-\$1,479,000	-\$5,706,000
Coast	-\$9,919,000	-\$2,282,000	-\$908,000	-\$4,516,000	-\$17,625,000
Compton	-\$1,835,000	-\$422,000	-\$175,000	-\$871,000	-\$3,303,000
Contra Costa	-\$8,514,000	-\$1,958,000	-\$791,000	-\$3,936,000	-\$15,199,000
Copper Mt.	small district exemption		-\$62,000	-\$309,000	-\$371,000
Desert	-\$2,183,000	-\$502,000	-\$205,000	-\$1,019,000	-\$3,909,000
El Camino	-\$5,508,000	-\$1,267,000	-\$526,000	-\$2,616,000	-\$9,917,000
Feather River	small district exemption		-\$64,000	-\$319,000	-\$383,000
Foothill-DeAnza	-\$8,716,000	-\$2,005,000	-\$822,000	-\$4,087,000	-\$15,630,000
Gavilan	-\$1,462,000	-\$336,000	-\$147,000	-\$729,000	-\$2,674,000
Glendale	-\$4,287,000	-\$986,000	-\$397,000	-\$1,973,000	-\$7,643,000
Grossmont-Cuyamaca	-\$5,149,000	-\$1,185,000	-\$480,000	-\$2,385,000	-\$9,199,000
Hartnell	-\$1,981,000	-\$456,000	-\$189,000	-\$941,000	-\$3,567,000
Imperial	-\$2,006,000	-\$461,000	-\$190,000	-\$944,000	-\$3,601,000
Kern	-\$5,586,000	-\$1,285,000	-\$556,000	-\$2,767,000	-\$10,194,000
Lake Tahoe	small district exemption		-\$72,000	-\$358,000	-\$430,000
Lassen	small district exemption		-\$71,000	-\$352,000	-\$423,000
Long Beach	-\$5,911,000	-\$1,360,000	-\$541,000	-\$2,692,000	-\$10,504,000
Los Angeles	-\$28,900,000	-\$6,648,000	-\$2,651,000	-\$13,183,000	-\$51,382,000
Los Rios	-\$14,780,000	-\$3,400,000	-\$1,366,000	-\$6,795,000	-\$26,341,000
Marin	excess local property tax				
Mendocino-Lake	small district exemption		-\$105,000	-\$522,000	-\$627,000
Merced	-\$2,709,000	-\$623,000	-\$262,000	-\$1,305,000	-\$4,899,000
Mira Costa	excess local property tax				
Monterey Peninsula	-\$2,114,000	-\$486,000	-\$201,000	-\$998,000	-\$3,799,000
Mt. San Antonio	-\$7,991,000	-\$1,838,000	-\$712,000	-\$3,541,000	-\$14,082,000
Mt. San Jacinto	-\$2,931,000	-\$674,000	-\$281,000	-\$1,399,000	-\$5,285,000
Napa Valley	-\$1,599,000	-\$368,000	-\$160,000	-\$795,000	-\$2,922,000
North Orange County	-\$9,200,000	-\$2,116,000	-\$834,000	-\$4,148,000	-\$16,298,000
Ohlone	-\$2,362,000	-\$543,000	-\$226,000	-\$1,126,000	-\$4,257,000
Palo Verde	small district exemption		-\$69,000	-\$344,000	-\$413,000
Palomar	-\$5,530,000	-\$1,272,000	-\$509,000	-\$2,531,000	-\$9,842,000
Pasadena Area	-\$6,220,000	-\$1,431,000	-\$568,000	-\$2,823,000	-\$11,042,000
Peralta	-\$5,514,000	-\$1,268,000	-\$546,000	-\$2,713,000	-\$10,041,000
Rancho Santiago	-\$7,964,000	-\$1,832,000	-\$735,000	-\$3,656,000	-\$14,187,000
Redwoods	-\$1,476,000	-\$340,000	-\$153,000	-\$759,000	-\$2,728,000

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Rio Hondo	-\$3,690,000	-\$849,000	-\$340,000	-\$1,689,000	-\$6,568,000
Riverside	-\$7,612,000	-\$1,751,000	-\$708,000	-\$3,523,000	-\$13,594,000
San Bernardino	-\$4,009,000	-\$922,000	-\$383,000	-\$1,902,000	-\$7,216,000
San Diego	-\$11,063,000	-\$2,545,000	-\$1,037,000	-\$5,158,000	-\$19,803,000
San Francisco	-\$9,562,000	-\$2,200,000	-\$884,000	-\$4,396,000	-\$17,042,000
San Joaquin Delta	-\$4,590,000	-\$1,056,000	-\$422,000	-\$2,101,000	-\$8,169,000
San Jose-Evergreen	-\$4,271,000	-\$983,000	-\$402,000	-\$1,998,000	-\$7,654,000
San Luis Obispo	-\$2,632,000	-\$605,000	-\$256,000	-\$1,272,000	-\$4,765,000
San Mateo	-\$6,112,000	-\$1,406,000	-\$577,000	-\$2,872,000	-\$10,967,000
Santa Barbara	-\$4,261,000	-\$980,000	-\$401,000	-\$1,993,000	-\$7,635,000
Santa Clarita	-\$4,274,000	-\$983,000	-\$396,000	-\$1,968,000	-\$7,621,000
Santa Monica	-\$6,283,000	-\$1,445,000	-\$573,000	-\$2,850,000	-\$11,151,000
Sequoias	-\$2,512,000	-\$578,000	-\$246,000	-\$1,221,000	-\$4,557,000
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity	-\$2,175,000	-\$500,000	-\$204,000	-\$1,016,000	-\$3,895,000
Sierra	-\$4,375,000	-\$1,006,000	-\$405,000	-\$2,014,000	-\$7,800,000
Siskiyou	small district exemption		-\$80,000	-\$399,000	-\$479,000
Solano	-\$2,609,000	-\$600,000	-\$254,000	-\$1,262,000	-\$4,725,000
Sonoma	-\$5,583,000	-\$1,284,000	-\$521,000	-\$2,593,000	-\$9,981,000
South Orange			excess local property tax		
Southwestern	-\$4,447,000	-\$1,023,000	-\$410,000	-\$2,040,000	-\$7,920,000
State Center	-\$7,700,000	-\$1,771,000	-\$719,000	-\$3,576,000	-\$13,766,000
Ventura	-\$7,463,000	-\$1,717,000	-\$699,000	-\$3,475,000	-\$13,354,000
Victor Valley	-\$2,716,000	-\$625,000	-\$257,000	-\$1,276,000	-\$4,874,000
West Hills	-\$1,403,000	-\$323,000	-\$159,000	-\$791,000	-\$2,676,000
West Kern	small district exemption		-\$111,000	-\$552,000	-\$663,000
West Valley-Mission	-\$4,880,000	-\$1,123,000	-\$457,000	-\$2,271,000	-\$8,731,000
Yosemite	-\$4,878,000	-\$1,122,000	-\$457,000	-\$2,270,000	-\$8,727,000
Yuba	-\$2,263,000	-\$521,000	-\$237,000	-\$1,179,000	-\$4,200,000
	-\$313,000,000	-\$72,000,000	-\$30,000,000	-\$149,000,000	-\$564,000,000

Notes:

"Enacted Budget Cut": In the state's enacted budget, the state general fund appropriation was cut by \$400 million, and the state raised fees from \$26 to \$36/unit to mitigate the cuts. Along with other state shortfalls, this resulted in a \$313 million cut, which districts were told to accommodate by reducing "workload," or classes to students.

"January Trigger Cut": As part of the state's budget deal, certain cuts were automatically made in January, including this \$72 million leading to reduced "workload," or course sections, and an additional \$30 million as an "Expected Shortfall."

"February Surprise": Due to the fee increase and course reductions, fewer students are enrolling and paying the \$36/unit fee (as more qualify for the state-required fee waiver). This has resulted in a \$106 million reduction in state-projected student fee revenue that, combined with a \$43 million shortfall in property tax revenue and other state calculations, results in an additional mid-year, surprise cut of over 3%.

"Excess Local Property Tax" districts are funded entirely by local revenues and thus are not affected by apportionment deficits, and "Small district exemption" districts did not have their workload reduced in the current year and, in turn, forfeit enrollment restoration funds in future years.